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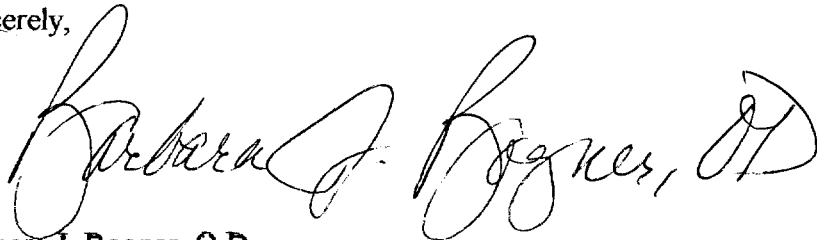
Dear administrators,

I would like to express my support of the petition filed by Farm Sanctuary, a non-profit organization, and Michael Baur that calls for the explicit labeling of downed animals as adulterated, thus prohibiting their transport and slaughter.

Due to horrendous conditions on factory farms, many animals become too weak and sick to stand up or move under their own strength. There is a tremendous lack of compassion in the handling of these animals, with profits being the only consideration. If EVERY livestock creature can be slaughtered, even the ill and injured that can not stand, that means more money for the meat industry. If there were no reward in moving these animals to slaughter, maybe they would be treated more humanely in the first place, and the number of those that end up this ill would decrease.

Another issue that is important is that there is evidence that the illness causing the downing of many cattle could be a variation of Mad Cow Disease. Do we want Mad Cow Disease here in the states? Force the meat industry to approach animal welfare with more responsibility, please.

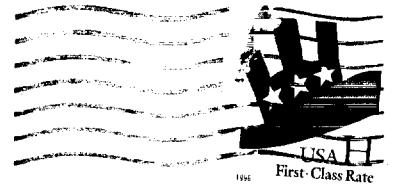
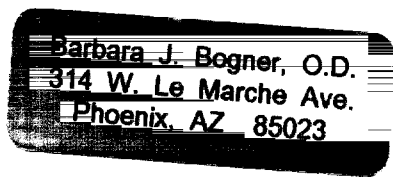
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